

believe the time has come when we must stand up for the rights of victims of gun violence, not the rights of perpetrators of gun violence. We Americans have a basic right. It is the right to be safe in our homes, on our streets, and in our churches.

#### THE MESS IN HAITI

(Mr. GILMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, 2 years ago, President Clinton sent our troops into Haiti, spending over \$2 billion there, and now calls Haiti a foreign policy success.

Three weeks ago, the President rushed 46 armed Federal agents to Haiti to protect President Preval and to purge members of Preval's own United States-trained palace guard who may have killed two opposition leaders.

If President Clinton's agents fail, he may have to salvage this success story by sending our troops back into Haiti.

Mr. Speaker, the Congress and the American people are entitled to know just what has gone wrong in Haiti and why.

Regrettably, the President has invoked executive privilege to withhold key documents from our International Relations Committee's oversight review.

This is a blatant abuse of power hiding a foreign policy failure. Neither President Reagan—in Iran-Contra—nor President Bush—in Iraqgate—ever used executive privilege to keep the Congress in the dark.

Our committee will be holding a hearing tomorrow morning to get to the bottom of the mess in Haiti.

#### URGING MEMBERS TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR RELEASE OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL'S REPORT ON SPEAKER GINGRICH

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, as Ghandi once said, "Noncooperation with evil is as much a moral imperative as is cooperation with good." Over the course of the last week, I have stood on this House floor and called repeatedly for the release of the outside counsel report on the ethical violation of Speaker NEWT GINGRICH.

My colleague, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. LINDER], has stood repeatedly to object to my speaking about this matter. I understand why the gentleman would not want me to discuss this issue; it does such little good for his friend, the Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, sometimes the rules must be confronted in the face of injustice. This was the case when I participated in the sit-ins and the freedom rides of the 1960's, and it is true today regarding the outside counsel report.

Mr. Speaker, today, once again, the Members of this House have a chance to vote for the release of the outside counsel report. I urge Members to support my resolution. To do otherwise is to risk being accused of participating in a Newt Gingrich ethics coverup.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE BARBARA VUCANOVICH

(Mr. ENSIGN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of a distinguished lady who is retiring after seven terms as a strong voice for Nevada: BARBARA VUCANOVICH.

BARBARA VUCANOVICH has represented the massive Second Congressional District since it was created in 1983. She retains the distinction as the first woman elected to Federal office from Nevada.

Many of you know BARBARA as one of the first women elected to the House Republican leadership and as the only woman to chair an appropriations subcommittee.

But to me and her fellow Nevadans, BARBARA is much more than our Congresswoman. She is a dedicated, warm, energetic, caring, public servant whom her constituents respect and have depended on to advocate the issues vital to the "Silver State."

BARBARA has fought for the jobs of Nevadans by protecting the mining and gaming industries from repeated assaults.

BARBARA led the fight for over a decade to repeal the unfair source tax levied on retirees.

Because of her leadership, the quality of life of our Nation's Armed Forces is better than ever.

Most importantly, BARBARA is a pioneer for women. As a brave survivor of breast cancer, BARBARA has worked tirelessly to educate women about the importance of early detection of breast cancer and to increase the availability of mammograms.

Even though BARBARA VUCANOVICH is heading home, she will continue to serve Nevada in other capacities.

Please join me in thanking BARBARA for her unique contributions and a job well done. I wish my good friend all the best.

I wish her God Speed and God Bless.

#### CALLING ON ETHICS COMMITTEE TO RELEASE REPORT ON SPEAKER GINGRICH'S ACTIVITIES

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, seven times the half Republican, half Democrat Ethics Committee has found speaker GINGRICH guilty: of using the House floor, this Chamber, to advertise his 1-800 number, guilty; using his of-

fice to commingle political and office resources, guilty; using the House floor to advertise his Political Action Committee, guilty.

The bipartisan Ethics Committee rebuked Speaker GINGRICH because he, and I quote, "capitalized on his office and exploited his office for personal gain," when he signed his \$4 million book review with a major Republican contributor.

Now taxpayers have spent \$500,000 to investigate his other activities, yet Speaker GINGRICH has squelched this Government report; \$500,000 of the taxpayers' dollars spent on the investigation, yet Speaker GINGRICH has squelched this Government report.

Mr. Speaker, show us the report. Release the report.

#### THE 104TH CONGRESS, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONGRESS IN A GENERATION

(Mr. HERGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, this Congress has been the most significant Congress in a generation. We have changed Washington and we have ended the culture of spending.

In less than 2 years, we have enacted congressional reform, the Telecommunications Act, the Freedom to Farm Act, health insurance reform, and genuine reform of welfare.

And when the Medicare Board of Trustees said that Medicare was going bankrupt, Republicans in this Congress listened and we responded with a plan to save Medicare so that our parents and grandparents would be protected. But Bill Clinton vetoed that plan and liberal Democrats here in Congress have resorted to the rhetoric of fear and demagoguery.

Mr. Speaker, this Republican Congress has a record of accomplishment it can be proud of. We have introduced the cool, clear water of common sense into a dry and parched land. And we will continue the fight for a smaller Government and a brighter future for America.

#### REPUBLICANS UNIFIED BEHIND BOB DOLE

(Mr. GUTIERREZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, people are talking behind your back. They say that you Republicans are not a unified party. That you're running away from the top of your ticket. But, I think you are united behind Bob Dole.

Just look at the way that your hand-picked Ethics Committee is hiding the truth about the Gingrich scandals. It's a page right out of the Bob Dole playbook. Look at the similarities. Bob Dole won't tell us the truth about his tax-cut plan—and the Ethics Committee won't tell us the truth about NEWT's tax-return scam.